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**Christopher B. Smith Named Program Officer at  
Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan**

*Detroit* – The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan has named **Christopher B. Smith** as program officer. In this new role, Smith will support grantmaking activities of the foundation and will assist donors in identifying community needs and funding opportunities. He will also develop educational and capacity building programs for nonprofit organizations.

Prior to joining the foundation, Smith served as chief operating officer for the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance in Taylor since 2002. He holds master's degrees in public administration and social work, both from Wayne State University, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University.

The **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan**, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations committed to the future of southeast Michigan. The foundation works to improve the region's quality of life by connecting those who care with causes that matter. The foundation supports a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs. The foundation has assets of more than \$570 million and, since its inception, has distributed more than \$260 million through more than 27,000 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties.

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